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Attorney Docket: TER1001USD1

Prior Application

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For: BILUMINAL ENDOVASCULAR GRAFT SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the application are aware of the documents cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

Copies of the listed documents were provided in related prior application U.S. Serial No. 09/039,776. The present application relies on U.S. Serial No. 09/039,776 for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), these copies are not provided with this Information Disclosure Statement.

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Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, Applicants request that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form (submitted in duplicate).

The Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the existence of the following co-pending, commonly assigned Patent Applications:

Serial No. 09/039,779, filed March 16 1998, entitled "Bifurcated Prosthetic Graft"

Serial No. 09/166,055, filed October 5, 1998, entitled "Endovascular Graft System"

Serial No. 09/454,038, filed December 3, 1999, entitled "Endovascular Graft System"

Serial No. 09/538,997, filed March 30, 2000, entitled "Bifurcated Graft and Method of Delivery"

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Respectfully submitted,

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